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Essential tips

- ▶ You are asked to write a letter to a local newspaper, so what register is appropriate? Should you use headings? What about abbreviations or contractions?
- ▶ Underline the important information, which includes the handwritten comments next to the article. Then decide where to include this information when you plan your letter.
- ▶ Your letter is in reply to an article, so what would you put in the introduction to your letter? How would you explain who you are and why you are writing?
- ▶ It may be effective to end your letter with a simple and powerful statement. Could you say anything personal (in your character here as 'student representative')? Perhaps you could give your own personal, positive view of the college.

You **must** answer this question. Write your answer in **180–220** words in an appropriate style.

- 1 You are the student representative on the executive committee of Oldtree College, where you are studying. Recently, an article from a former student was published in the local newspaper, criticising the way the college has changed. The principal of the college has asked you to write to the newspaper, responding to the article.

Read the extract from the former student's article below, on which the principal has made some notes. Then write a letter to the editor as requested by the principal.

Oldtree Gone Downhill

A former student expresses disappointment

by Hilda Cooper

Twenty years after graduating from Oldtree College I thought I'd have a look at the old place again. Oh, how sad! The lovely sports pavilion has gone – don't students enjoy cricket and football these days? In its place is an ugly new accommodation block. There was litter everywhere and the students looked distinctly unfriendly with their sloppy clothes and surly faces. In an atmosphere like this, how can academic standards be maintained? What can explain this sad state of affairs?

Accommodation
needed: 70%
more students
over last 15
years.
20% from
overseas.

College
provides more
cultural
events, plays,
etc.

New sports
centre shared
with City College.
Wider range of
sports available
to students.

We offer a wider
range of courses,
and a higher
proportion of
students get top
grades than 20
years ago!

Now write your **letter** to the editor of the newspaper. You do not need to include postal addresses.

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Question 2

- ▶ What style would be appropriate for this proposal? Bear in mind that the proposal is written by a college student to the principal of the college.
- ▶ Consider your three sections: introduction, main body and conclusion. The introduction could state simply what you want, and the conclusion could repeat this request, perhaps with some extra force or promise of success. The words 'Introduction' and 'Conclusion' could also be headings. What will the main body contain? What will the heading(s) be?
- ▶ Don't worry about precise figures, for example, how much money would be needed to start the radio station. You are not expected to know this.

Write an answer to **one** of the questions **2–5** in this part. Write your answer in **220–260** words in an appropriate style.

- 2 You would like to start a radio station at the college where you are a student. You have decided to send a proposal to the principal, asking for permission and practical assistance. Your proposal should include the following:
- why you think the radio station would be beneficial
 - what sort of programmes you would begin with
 - what sort of support, practical and financial, you would need
- Write your **proposal**.

- 3 You have seen the following advertisement in an international magazine for young people:

Competition

All over the world, more and more people are migrating from the countryside to cities. What are the attractions of city life? What about the disadvantages? What will life in our cities be like in the future?

**Write and tell us your views.
We will publish the best entry.**

Write your **competition entry**.

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Question 5(a): You could begin your article by defining what you understand to be a fictional hero/heroine, and then mention the one of your choice. You should give examples of his/her actions which you find particularly admirable. It may be useful to compare your hero/heroine with one from another book, and say why you think your choice is more exceptional.

Question 5(b): When writing a report, you need to give your paragraphs headings. Use the details of the question to help you organise your answer into paragraphs with suitable headings. This will help you focus on what information you need to include.

- 4 A British television channel is interested in making a documentary called *Transports of Delight*, which will feature public transport all over the world. You have been asked to write a report for the channel, addressing the following questions:

- What means of public transport in your region are the most popular?
- What is being done to improve these facilities and encourage the use of public transport?
- What more could be done?

Write your **report**.

- 5 Answer **one** of the following two questions based on your reading of **one** of the set books.

Either

- 5(a) An online book shop is holding a competition to find the most popular fictional hero or heroine. It has invited its web site visitors to send articles about their favourite protagonists, explaining why they think the character of their choice is a 'hero/heroine', and what makes him/her exceptional, using examples. You have decided to enter the competition. Write about the protagonist of the novel you have been reading.

Write your **article**.

Or

- 5(b) Your teacher has asked you to write a report on the novel you have been reading, describing the most dramatic events and how they affect the main characters. In your report you should also say who you would recommend this book to, and why.

Write your **report**.